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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**February 20, 2017**

**NO. 17-8500-001**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE  
NEW MEXICO JUDICIARY  
CASE ACCESS POLICY FOR  
ONLINE COURT RECORDS**

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, this matter came on for consideration upon recommendation of the Judicial Information Systems Council (JIFFY) and its Online Access Subcommittee (OAS) to adopt policies and procedures for providing secured online access to court case records through the New Mexico Judiciary's Secured Odyssey Public Access (SOPA) website maintained by the Judicial Information Division (JID) of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC);

WHEREAS, the recommendation was published for comment and a public hearing was held on December 8, 2016;

WHEREAS, after considering the written and oral comments received, JIFFY and OAS submitted a final recommendation for approval by this Court;

WHEREAS, under the recommendation, New Mexico attorneys and their

1 staff, governmental justice partners, and the press would have online access to  
2 currently digitized court case files in New Mexico state courts, subject to the  
3 protection of protected personal identifier information appearing in any digitized  
4 court case files and subject to the protection of other confidential information in  
5 specific case types as required by law;

6 WHEREAS, under the recommendation, out-of-state attorneys authorized  
7 to appear in specific cases (*pro hac vice* attorneys) and self-represented litigants  
8 would have online access to all digitized court case files in their respective cases,  
9 subject to the protection of protected personal identifier information and other  
10 confidential information as required by law;

11 WHEREAS, under the recommendation, the general public would have  
12 online access to digitized court case files in New Mexico state courts contingent  
13 upon the protection of confidential information as required by law and upon the  
14 New Mexico Judiciary receiving funding to purchase and implement redaction  
15 technology that is currently unavailable but would be necessary to redact protected  
16 personal identifier information from digitized court case files as required by law;  
17 and

1 WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, and the Court having considered the  
2 recommendation and being otherwise sufficiently advised, Chief Justice Charles  
3 W. Daniels, Justice Petra Jimenez Maes, Justice Edward L. Chávez, Justice  
4 Barbara J. Vigil, and Justice Judith K. Nakamura concurring;

5 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the recommendation is  
6 APPROVED and the New Mexico Judiciary Case Access Policy for Online Court  
7 Records is ADOPTED;

8 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that JID shall make applications available  
9 online for those wishing to obtain the necessary login credentials for accessing the  
10 SOPA system and shall begin accepting such applications immediately;

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that OAS shall assist JID with the review of  
12 applications for access to SOPA;

13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that online access to digitized court case files  
14 through SOPA shall begin on or before **March 31, 2017**; and

15 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court is authorized and  
16 directed to give notice of the above-referenced policy and application procedure  
17 by posting notice on the New Mexico Judiciary website, by emailing notice

1 through the New Mexico Supreme Court email notification listserv, and by  
2 publishing notice in the *Bar Bulletin*.

3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 WITNESS, Honorable Charles W. Daniels, Chief Justice of  
5 the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico, and the seal  
6 of said Court this 20th day of February, 2017.

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10 Joey D. Moya, Chief Clerk of the Supreme Court  
of the State of New Mexico